

flag and painted marks are easily recognizable from a distance and that the boats are well lighted throughout.

(d) One steamer a week sails in each direction, with arrival at Falmouth on Sunday and departure from Falmouth on Wednesday.

(e) United States government guarantees that no contraband (according to German contraband list) is carried by these steamers.

SHIPS NEARING DANGER ZONE

American liner Finland, American liner Philadelphia, Norwegian-American liner Bergensfjord, French liner LaTouraine, Greek liner Themistocles, White Star liner Baltic, Holland-America liner Ryndam, Italian liner America, Cunard liner Saxonla, Anchor liner California. These ships are due in allied ports within a few days.

COMMENT ON GERMAN NOTE

The New York World, leading administration newspaper, under the caption "Germany Declares War," today asserted there can be but one answer to the German submarine proclamation—that the German ambassador must receive his passports today. Editorial comment throughout the country varies from this position down to speculative discussion of the effect the proclamation will have on the peace movement. The war note was sounded by many.

GEIGER AGAINST FIFTY-YEAR TRACTION FRANCHISE

Ald. Ellis Geiger is out flatly against a 50-year traction franchise and will make his spring campaign on the issue.

Aldermen Meriram and Block spoke at mass meeting of 7th, 8th and 9th ward citizens last night at 69th st. and Stony Island av. Merriam said this is "no time for the public to be asleep" and every step of the traction game now on at City Hall ought to be watched. Block argued

the \$250,000 traction-subway commission was ignorant of Chicago needs. He ridiculed the commission leaving maps blank south of 63d st. and said that district is not a wilderness and ought to have its interests considered.

BOARD OF TRADE SALES HELD TAXABLE BY U. S. JUDGE

In a sweeping decision, which directly affects the transactions of every Board of Trade and stock exchange in the country, Federal Judge Evans upheld the contention of the internal revenue office that all Board of Trade sales are taxable.

The decision covers all the points raised by the Chicago Board of Trade, which sought a ruling on the payment of the stamp tax imposed by congress in 1914. The board contended that only the first and last sales of the day were taxable and that intermediate sales, known as "scratch sales," were exempt. The government contended that all sales were taxable at the rate of 1 cent for each \$100.

The ruling means an increase in revenue of several million dollars and will result in suits to collect back taxes, which in Chicago alone amount to nearly \$10,000,000.

ODD NEWS

New York. — Bertram Hargrave, four days in from London, rang what he thought was the elevator bell at his hotel. He brought four engines, two trucks, hose carts and battalion chiefs racing to the "fire."

New York.—A judge can't fine a man for "working his jaws in court." Magistrate Krotel fined Frank Kardonne \$5 for chewing gum in his face, but Judge Mulqueen remitted the fine on appeal.

Yonkers, N. Y.—It made Bill Brady awful mad when seven little skaters flooded his cellar for a rink. In court they declared they "hadn't done nothing." If guilty they must bail out the rink.